

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 19-cr-20652

Honorable David M. Lawson

D-1 James Letko,

Defendant.

---

**Declaration of Publication**

---

In accordance with 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1) and Rule 32.2(b)(6)(C) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, notice of the forfeiture was posted on an official government internet site ([www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov)) for at least thirty (30) consecutive days, beginning January 14, 2023, and ending on February 12, 2023, as evidenced by Attachment 1.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 22, 2023 within the United States.

*Shankar Ramamurthy*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Shankar Ramamurthy  
Assistant United States Attorney

Attachment 1

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
COURT CASE NUMBER: 19-20652; NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**

Notice is hereby given that on January 10, 2023, in the case of U.S. v. James Letko, Court Case Number 19-20652, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan entered an Order condemning and forfeiting the following property to the United States of America:

\$125,865.07 in funds from account number: 1501736011 at Signature Bank, New York City, NY (17-FBI-003805)

\$97,539.03 in funds from account number: 1501253045 at Signature Bank, New York City, NY (17-FBI-003806)

\$24,668.04 in funds from account number: 1501955147 at Signature Bank, New York City, NY (17-FBI-003808)

\$421,259.26 in funds from account number: 1501736003 at Signature Bank, New York City, NY (17-FBI-003809)

\$48,745.36 in funds from account number: 1502533157 at Signature Bank, New York City, NY (17-FBI-003810)

\$713.75 in funds from account number: 428-5598327 at TD Bank, Mount Laurel, NJ (17-FBI-004620)

\$378,554.65 in funds from account number: 1502647349 at Signature Bank, New York City, NY (17-FBI-004623)

\$165,916.95 in funds from account number: 428-5599424 at TD Bank, Mount Laurel, NJ (17-FBI-004626)

\$19,184.95 in funds from account number: 428-5598319 at TD Bank, Mount Laurel, NJ (17-FBI-004964)

\$13,479.07 in funds from account number: 1502647357 at Signature Bank, New York City, NY (17-FBI-004966)

\$539.89 in funds seized from account 800104795034 at Pinnacle Financial, Nashville, Tennessee (19-FBI-007537)

\$102,222.83 in funds from account number 1760026185 at Unity Bank, Clinton, New Jersey (19-FBI-007552)

\$225,949.75 in funds from account A49237943 at Northwestern Mutual, Milwaukee,

Wisconsin (19-FBI-007610)

\$200,000.00 in funds from account number 1390010285107 at Branch Banking & Trust Company Bank, Winston-Salem, NC (19-FBI-007654)

\$88,918.90 in funds from account #4285598319 at TD Bank, Mount Laurel, New Jersey (19-FBI-007791)

\$140,779.76 in funds from E\*TRADE Account number 67475111 held in the names of James and Patricia Letko (20-FBI-000469)

\$506,127.29 in funds seized from account number 378862863 at JP Morgan Chase, Detroit, MI (20-FBI-000663)

\$14,097.96 in funds seized from account number 377385593 JP Morgan Chase, Detroit, MI (20-FBI-000664)

\$73,830.46 in funds seized from account number 378895962 at JP Morgan Chase, Detroit, MI (20-FBI-000665)

\$22,074.54 in funds seized from account number 282033320 at JP Morgan Chase, Detroit, MI (20-FBI-000666)

\$177,950.63 in funds seized from account number 378875873 at JP Morgan Chase, Detroit, MI (20-FBI-000667)

\$91,785.79 in funds seized from account number 378882770 at JP Morgan Chase, Detroit, MI (20-FBI-000668)

\$157,395.08 in funds seized from account number 378903253 at JP Morgan Chase, Detroit, MI (20-FBI-000669)

\$67,687.67 in funds seized from bank account number 378889809 at JP Morgan Chase, Detroit, MI (20-FBI-000670)

\$85,409.68 in funds seized from account number 377385296 at JP Morgan Chase, Detroit, MI e20-FBI-000671)

The United States hereby gives notice of its intent to dispose of the forfeited property in such manner as the United States Attorney General may direct. Any person, other than the defendant(s) in this case, claiming interest in the forfeited property must file an ancillary petition within 60 days of the first date of publication (January 14, 2023) of this Notice on this official government internet web site, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1). The ancillary petition must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, 231 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226, and a copy served upon Assistant United States Attorney Shankar Ramamurthy, 211 W. Fort Street, Suite 2001, Detroit, MI 48226. The ancillary petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in the forfeited property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition

of the right, title and interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

Following the Court's disposition of all ancillary petitions filed, or if no such petitions are filed, following the expiration of the period specified above for the filing of such ancillary petitions, the United States shall have clear title to the property and may warrant good title to any subsequent purchaser or transferee.

The government may also consider granting petitions for remission or mitigation, which pardon all or part of the property from the forfeiture. A petition must include a description of your interest in the property supported by documentation; include any facts you believe justify the return of the property; and be signed under oath, subject to the penalty of perjury, or meet the requirements of an unsworn statement under penalty of perjury. See 28 U.S.C. Section 1746. For the regulations pertaining to remission or mitigation of the forfeiture, see 28 C.F.R. Sections 9.1 - 9.9. The criteria for remission of the forfeiture are found at 28 C.F.R. Section 9.5(a). The criteria for mitigation of the forfeiture are found at 28 C.F.R. Section 9.5(b). The petition for remission need not be made in any particular form and may be filed online or in writing. You should file a petition for remission not later than 11:59 PM EST 30 days after the date of final publication of this notice. See 28 C.F.R. Section 9.3(a). The <https://www.forfeiture.gov/FilingPetition.htm> website provides access to a standard petition for remission form that may be mailed and the link to file a petition for remission online. If you cannot find the desired assets online, you must file your petition for remission in writing by sending it to Assistant United States Attorney Shankar Ramamurthy, 211 W. Fort Street, Suite 2001, Detroit, MI 48226. This website provides answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about filing a petition for remission. You may file both an ancillary petition with the court and a petition for remission or mitigation.



## Advertisement Certification Report

The Notice of Publication was available on the [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov) web site for at least 18 hours per day between January 14, 2023 and February 12, 2023. Below is a summary report that identifies the uptime for each day within the publication period and reports the results of the web monitoring system's daily check that verifies that the advertisement was available each day.

U.S. v. James Letko

**Court Case No:** 19-20652  
**For Asset ID(s):** See Attached Advertisement Copy

Consecutive Calendar Day Count	Date Advertisement Appeared on the Web Site	Total Hours Web Site was Available during Calendar Day	Verification that Advertisement existed on Web Site
1	01/14/2023	23.9	Verified
2	01/15/2023	23.9	Verified
3	01/16/2023	23.9	Verified
4	01/17/2023	23.9	Verified
5	01/18/2023	23.9	Verified
6	01/19/2023	23.9	Verified
7	01/20/2023	23.8	Verified
8	01/21/2023	23.9	Verified
9	01/22/2023	23.9	Verified
10	01/23/2023	24.0	Verified
11	01/24/2023	23.9	Verified
12	01/25/2023	23.9	Verified
13	01/26/2023	24.0	Verified
14	01/27/2023	23.9	Verified
15	01/28/2023	23.9	Verified
16	01/29/2023	23.9	Verified
17	01/30/2023	23.9	Verified
18	01/31/2023	23.9	Verified
19	02/01/2023	23.9	Verified
20	02/02/2023	23.8	Verified
21	02/03/2023	23.9	Verified
22	02/04/2023	24.0	Verified
23	02/05/2023	23.9	Verified
24	02/06/2023	23.8	Verified
25	02/07/2023	23.9	Verified
26	02/08/2023	23.9	Verified
27	02/09/2023	23.9	Verified
28	02/10/2023	23.9	Verified
29	02/11/2023	23.8	Verified
30	02/12/2023	23.9	Verified

Additional log information is available and kept in the archives for 15 years after the asset has been disposed.